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A) 5-95% of a thermoplastic acrylic plastic with a melting temperature above room temperature and below 200°C, a glass transition temperature below 120°C, and a melt viscosity of 1,000 to 1,000,000 Pa-sec at the melting temperature; and

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B) 95-5 wt% of a flow improver, which, at room temperature, is not compatible with the thermoplastic acrylic plastic, has a melting temperature above room temperature but below 200°C, a ^{weight average} molecular weight under 20,000 d, and a melt viscosity below 100 Pa-sec at the melting temperature of the acrylic plastic.

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3. (Amended) The method [thermoplastic coating and binding agent] according to Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic acrylic plastic A is a copolymer of esters of acrylic and/or methacrylic acid.

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5. (Amended) The method [thermoplastic coating and binding agent] according to Claim 3, wherein the thermoplastic acrylic plastic A is a copolymer of alkyl esters of acrylic and/or methacrylic acid and functional comonomers with covalently bound cationic groups.

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7. (Amended) The method [thermoplastic coating and binding agent] according to Claim 5, wherein the thermoplastic acrylic plastic A is a copolymer of 5 to 99 wt% alkyl esters of acrylic and/or methacrylic acid and 95 to 1 wt% aminoalkyl esters or aminoalkylamides of acrylic and/or methacrylic acid or their salts or quaternary ammonium compounds thereof.

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9. (Amended) The method [thermoplastic coating and binding agent] according to Claim 1, wherein flow improver B

C5 is a fatty alcohol, a fatty acid, an ester of of a fatty alcohol and a fatty acid, a sugar, an ester thereof, a fatty acid mono-, di-, or triglyceride, a polyethylene glycol, a fatty acid ester or fatty alcohol ether thereof, a wax, or mixtures of any of the above.

C6 11. (Amended) The method [thermoplastic coating and binding agent] according to Claim 3, wherein flow improver B is a fatty alcohol, a fatty acid, an ester of of a fatty alcohol and a fatty acid, a sugar, an ester thereof, a fatty acid mono-, di-, or triglyceride, a polyethylene glycol, a fatty acid ester or fatty alcohol ether thereof, a wax, or mixtures of any of the above.

C7 13. (Amended) The method [thermoplastic coating and binding agent] according to Claim 5, wherein flow improver B is a fatty alcohol, a fatty acid, an ester of of a fatty alcohol and a fatty acid, a sugar, an ester thereof, a fatty acid mono-, di-, or triglyceride, a polyethylene glycol, a fatty acid ester or fatty alcohol ether thereof, a wax, or mixtures of any of the above.

C8 15. (Amended) The method [thermoplastic coating and binding agent] according to Claim 7, wherein flow improver B is a fatty alcohol, a fatty acid, an ester of of a fatty alcohol and a fatty acid, a sugar, an ester thereof, a fatty acid mono-, di-, or triglyceride, a polyethylene glycol, a fatty acid ester or fatty alcohol ether thereof, a wax, or mixtures of any of the above.

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17. (Amended) An oral or dermal medicinal composition containing a pharmaceutical active substance and [the] a thermoplastic coating and binding agent prepared by the method of Claim [2] 1.

18. (Amended) An oral or dermal medicinal composition containing a pharmaceutical active substance and [the] a thermoplastic coating and binding agent prepared by the method of Claim [4] 3.

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19. (Amended) An oral or dermal medicinal composition containing a pharmaceutical active substance and [the] a thermoplastic coating prepared by the method and binding agent of Claim 5 [6].

20. (Amended) An oral or dermal medicinal composition containing a pharmaceutical active substance and [the] a thermoplastic coating and binding agent prepared by the method of Claim 7 [10].

Please add the following new claims.

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- 21. An oral or dermal medicinal composition containing a pharmaceutical active substance and a thermoplastic coating and binding agent prepared by the method of Claim 9.

22. An oral or dermal medicinal composition containing a pharmaceutical active substance and a thermoplastic coating and binding agent prepared by the method of Claim 11.

23. An oral or dermal medicinal composition containing a pharmaceutical active substance and a thermoplastic coating and binding agent prepared by the method of Claim 13.